

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2014

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as was duly advertised at the Cannelton Jr/Sr High School. Commissioners in attendance were President, Thomas Hauser, Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving. A representative of the *Perry County News* was present. Also present was County Attorney, Chris Goffinet and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Lee Chestnut attended the meeting and asked the commissioners to declare May 4 – 10th Correctional Officers' Week in Perry County. Lee stated that this is a way to thank all correctional officers for keeping Perry County safe. The proclamation encouraged members of the public to acknowledge the important role that Correctional Officers both at the Perry County Jail and Community Corrections facilities, along with Branchville Correctional Facility play in the protection and services to all Perry County communities. Dennie Oxley program director of Branchville facilities thanked the sheriff and commissioners for this proclamation. Randy made a motion to approve the Proclamation and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BRIDGE – CITY OF CANNELTON

Mayor Mary Snyder attended the meeting to ask for their help on a bridge along 2nd street in the City of Cannelton. She explained that the damage to the bridge happened during the flood of 2011. The bridge is made out of sand stone and when FEMA looked at the bridge in 2011 they planned on replacing the bridge with sand stone. After doing some research and discussing the bridge with Bernardin Lochmueller and Associates it was suggested putting in a culvert, because of the damage that is done to the sand stone every time the creek rises. The total cost estimate by BLA for the project is \$248,000.00. She had spoken with the Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) in Indianapolis and they will pay 75% of the project cost, but will not pay any engineering cost. On the project FEMA will pay \$153,750.00 leaving the city paying \$51,250.00 on the project and \$43,000.00 for the engineering cost. The total that the City of Cannelton will have to pay on the project is \$94,250.00 and this does not include environmental costs. Mary explained that they do not have funding to cover that cost. She asked if the commissioners would consider using Cumulative Bridge Funds to help pay on the city's share. She reminded the commissioners that all taxpayers in Cannelton pay property taxes into the Cumulative Bridge Fund. It was discussed that the 2nd street bridge is not on the county's bridge inventory. Tom stated that he had talked with the highway department and for 2014 the bridge repairs that are being suggested is over ½ million dollars, and the commissioners along with the highway department will have to decide which bridges to fix. After much discussion on the project, the Mayor asked if the county would consider helping fund one half of the city's share. The commissioners all stated that they would have to look into this issue and get back with the mayor.

ASSIGNMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, presented the commissioners with an Assignment and Modification to the current contract with Cedarbridge Treatment Centers, LLC for housing of juveniles. He explained that the contract has been assigned to Muskegon River Youth Opportunities, LLC. The contract will remain the same, and only the name of the facility and the location has changed. Bill made the motion to approve the Assignment and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, explained that at the last commissioners meeting the commissioners had agreed to change the termination of the contract from two weeks to 90 days, but did not agree with the terms proposed by the hospital for a 5 year contract. Commissioner Kleaving provided an overview of the situation and explained the amendments to the contract. Randy then explained that since the last meeting the commissioners have decided to offer the following to the hospital; the contract will be a year to year contract after 2015 and if for any reason Perry County terminates the contract within five years it will pay the costs necessary to repurpose the EMS building

located on the new hospital site to fit the hospital's needs. Randy thinks this is fair to the county and the hospital. It is Randy's hope that in the future there will be funding for another crew.

Randy made the motion to approve the contract with the following changes: contract will remain in effect from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. The contract will be from year to year after that unless either party notifies the other party at least 90 days prior to the end of the term. Also, if Perry County terminates the contract within five years of January 1, 2014, it will pay the costs to repurpose the EMS building located on the new hospital site to fit the hospital's needs. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0 with Tom abstaining. Hospital Board Member Tim Harding was in attendance and said he couldn't speak for the entire board, but he can support the changes. (See attachment "A")

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

The Perry County Highway Department had an additional appropriation request with in the Cumulative Bridge Fund as follows; \$50,000 for Stone, \$30,000 for Rental of Equipment and \$50,000 for Labor. Steve Howell, Operations Manager for the Highway Department, explained that during the last storm there was heavy damage in the northern part of the county due to high water. Bill made the motion to approve the request and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PERRY COUNTY 200TH ANNIVERSARY

Cheri Taylor with the Perry County Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to discuss the things that are being done this year to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Perry County. She stated that each month different activities on the history of the county are being done. She discussed that they are giving certificates to any family that can trace their family history back 200 years or more to show that they are one of the first families of Perry County. She also discussed a time capsule that they hope will be buried at the Perry County Courthouse.

Teresa announced that the next meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry County Courthouse.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes approved this 5th day of May 2014.

Thomas J. Hauser
President

Bill Amos

Randy Kleaving

*Minutes prepared by:
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